

### **REMARKS**

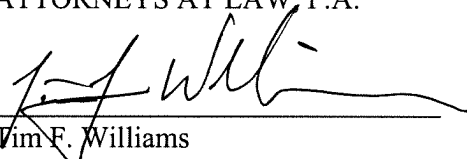
Claims 1-23 have been cancelled. Claims 24-39 have been added. No new subject matter has been introduced to the application by this amendment.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 24 through 39 are patentable over the references cited in the Office Action of September 26, 2007. For example, independent claim 24 requires an adjustment sleeve and die body that are configured for complementary attachment to one another with the adjustment sleeve being movable along the die body for purposes of adjustment. None of the references cited by the Office Action contain such an adjustment sleeve. Burner does not have an adjustment sleeve. Speck has no sleeve configured for complementary attachment to the die body nor a sleeve into which a die body and its interior passage are received. By way of further example, none of the references cited by the Office Action indicate adjusting the pressure of the material by rotating an adjustment sleeve into which the die body is positioned as required by independent claim 31.

Applicant believes this fully responds to the request of the Examiner and therefore puts the patent in condition for issue, however, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at 864-271-1592 should additional issues remain. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 04-1403.

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